REGISTER OF
CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	29 June 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Private 129
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Private Publications
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	Sweden
Language:	English, German, Swedish, French

Components of film originally examined:

Feature: Not Applicable Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

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Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine entitled *Private 129* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The magazine depicts conduct of a degrading, dehumanising and demeaning manner, and the magazine's composition and text further degrades, demeans and dehumanises women.

The magazine contains high quality reproduced photographs of sexual activity. The photographs are predominantly set within the context of photostories which offer a brief plot or setting for the activity and relationships. The text is printed in English, German, Swedish and French.

The women are presented as sexually insatiable sexual objects, who are available, almost solely, for male sexual gratification. There is a great deal of close focus on sexual body parts. Section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) is overridden in relation to this magazine. This is due to the likelihood that, giving weight to s3(3)(a)(iii) and s3(3)(c) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, the availability of the magazine would be injurious to the public good. A complete restriction on the magazine's availability is considered a reasonable limitation on s14 of the NZBR Act.

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